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Environment Committee  
Connecticut General Assembly

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Concerning Bill Number H.B. 5733 -- Fossil Fuel Divestment  
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Hon. Members of the Environmental Committee:

I hope you will all support this important bill. Fossil Fuel divestment is an important first step in paving the way for the transition to cleaner and more economical renewable energy systems.

The divestment movement is gaining real traction , particularly in universities. As I am sure you know, Divestment has played an important role in the successful conclusion of several important social justice movements, such as the end of apartheid in South Africa.

Connecticut has the opportunity to serve as a model for other state governments across the country in helping to break the grip of the fossil fuel industry on energy policy; and helping to redirect taxpayer's subsidizing of energy needs to renewables.

Sincerely,

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